

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume, and I rise in support of House Concurrent Resolution 279 offered by my colleague, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SCHROCK). This legislation recognizes and commends members of the Armed Forces who are fighting the war against terrorism and protecting the security of our Nation.

The success we have had to date is due to our highly trained and dedicated American forces. Shortly after the tragic and deadly attack against the United States, military units were preparing to protect and defend Americans at home and around the world.

For example, on September 11, the USS Enterprise Battle Group was headed back to the United States after a 6-month deployment in the Persian Gulf. Upon learning of the attacks, the battle group returned to the Persian Gulf and remained on station for several additional months to conduct the initial counterterrorism operations. The first wave of air attacks against the Taliban and al Qaeda forces in Afghanistan included planes launched from that carrier group.

This war against terrorism has shown what our military services can do by working together to protect our country and its citizens. "United We Stand" means as much today as it has ever meant in America's history. We have had men and women in uniform on the front lines in this battle against terrorism since day one.

Army and Air Force Special Forces are deployed in Afghanistan to gather intelligence and tactical information. And the Marines have been securing bases and protecting landing strips for follow-on forces in nongovernmental assistance organizations who are trying to help the people of Afghanistan. In the United States, our own National Guard is protecting our airports, our infrastructure, and even our Nation's Capitol.

On behalf of the American people, I want to recognize and commend all of our men and women in uniform for their dedication to the principles of democracy. I would like to especially commend the members of the USS Enterprise Battle Group for their tireless efforts in this war on terrorism. Their commitment and their service to our Nation is truly priceless, and I am proud to support this resolution here in the House.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SCOTT).

Mr. SCOTT. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding me this time, and I wish to thank my colleague, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SCHROCK), for introducing this resolution.

Since September 11, the United States has seen many in uniform who have displayed the courage that would allow them to face life-threatening

danger and the sacrifice which would risk their own personal safety and comfort in order to protect our personal freedoms, defend our civil liberties, and guard our constitutional rights.

Mr. Speaker, courage and personal sacrifice are the two attributes that keep the attacks of September 11 from having happened in vain. It is that personal courage and sacrifice that our brave men and women aboard the USS Enterprise Battle Group displayed. They were en route back to the United States following a scheduled peacetime deployment from the Persian Gulf in support of Operation Southern Watch over Iraq when they were suddenly and unexpectedly redeployed to the war effort in Afghanistan.

Mr. Speaker, it is also that same courage and personal sacrifice that the families, friends, loved ones of the entire USS Enterprise Battle Group, the members of the United States Armed Forces, and the victims of the September 11 attack had to display and continue to have to display while keeping the faith that our Nation will be protected.

And so, Mr. Speaker, we ask our colleagues to support the resolution which recognizes the service, sacrifice, and courage of the crew members of the USS Enterprise Battle Group, the United States Armed Forces, and the families, friends and loved ones of those who have died or risked their lives on and after September 11.

I particularly, Mr. Speaker, want to thank my colleague, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SCHROCK), for his leadership in introducing this resolution.

Mr. SCHROCK. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume to thank the gentlewoman from California (Ms. SANCHEZ) for assisting with this, and my good friend, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SCOTT).

These young men and women deserve all the praise we can heap on them, and I think when we do that from the floor of the House, it adds a little more oomph to what we are doing.

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker as an original cosponsor of this resolution and a Representative of the Tidewater region of Virginia, I rise in strong support of H. Con. Res. 279.

I recently was honored to participate in the homecoming celebration of the USS Enterprise when it returned to Norfolk from its extended deployment in Afghanistan. These brave men sailed out of Norfolk in April and only just returned to their families, friends, and homes last month. They were given a true hero's welcome by their loved ones, their extended Naval family in Norfolk, and even their Commander-in-Chief. We were and are extraordinarily proud of their service and dedication, particularly in this time of war.

When it was first christened at the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company in 1960, the Enterprise had an impressive history to live up to. Its namesake was a highly decorated, World War II veteran that had participated in the Battle of Midway and Doolittle's raid on Tokyo. As the world's first and finest

nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, this Enterprise has done its namesake proud.

The Enterprise Battle Group was among the first of the American fleet to participate in the new war on terrorism. And, should they be called to duty again in this war, I am certain that they will serve again with distinction. In the coming days, we will vote on the Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2002. This legislation includes a much-deserved pay raise for these sailors and other servicemembers. I am proud to support that pay raise, and to do all that I can to support their mission from my position in Congress.

And, Mr. Speaker, while I do encourage my colleagues to approve that appropriations bill later this week, today, I ask for their support for this much-deserved but simple recognition for the crew of the USS Enterprise Battle Group.

Mr. SCHROCK. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ISAKSON). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SCHROCK) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 279, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 643. An act to reauthorize the African Elephant Conservation Act.

H.R. 645. An act to reauthorize the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 700. An act to reauthorize the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed joint resolutions and a concurrent resolution of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S.J. Res. 8. Joint resolution designating 2002 as the "Year of the Rose".

S.J. Res. 13. Joint resolution conferring honorary citizenship of the United States on Paul Yves Roch Gilbert du Motier, also known as the Marquis de Lafayette.

S. Con. Res. 80. Concurrent Resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the

30th anniversary of the enactment of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002

Mr. LoBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3507) to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2002, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 3507

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Coast Guard Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002".

SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.

The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

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Sec. 202. Vessel COASTAL VENTURE.

Sec. 203. Expansion of American Merchant Marine Memorial Wall of Honor.

Sec. 204. Discharge of agricultural cargo residue.

Sec. 205. Recording and discharging maritime liens.

Sec. 206. Tonnage of R/V DAVIDSON.

Sec. 207. Miscellaneous certificates of documentation.

Sec. 208. Exemption for Victory Ships.

Sec. 209. Certificate of documentation for 3 barges.

Sec. 210. Certificate of documentation for the EAGLE.

Sec. 211. Waiver for vessels in New World Challenge Race.

Sec. 212. Vessel ASPHALT COMMANDER.

TITLE III—COAST GUARD PERSONNEL AND MARINE SAFETY

Sec. 301. Short title.

SUBTITLE A—PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Sec. 311. Coast Guard band director rank.

Sec. 312. Compensatory absence for isolated duty.

Sec. 313. Accelerated promotion of certain Coast Guard officers.

SUBTITLE B—MARINE SAFETY

Sec. 321. Extension of Territorial Sea for Vessel Bridge-to-Bridge Radiotelephone Act.

Sec. 322. Preservation of certain reporting requirements.

Sec. 323. Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund; emergency fund advancement authority.

Sec. 324. Merchant mariner documentation requirements.

Sec. 325. Penalties for negligent operations and interfering with safe operation.

SUBTITLE C—RENEWAL OF ADVISORY GROUPS

Sec. 331. Commercial Fishing Industry Vessel Advisory Committee.

Sec. 332. Houston-Galveston Navigation Safety Advisory Committee.

Sec. 333. Lower Mississippi River Waterway Advisory Committee.

Sec. 334. Navigation Safety Advisory Council.

Sec. 335. National Boating Safety Advisory Council.

Sec. 336. Towing Safety Advisory Committee.

SUBTITLE D—MISCELLANEOUS

Sec. 341. Patrol craft.

Sec. 342. Clarification of Coast Guard authority to control vessels in territorial waters of the United States.

Sec. 343. Caribbean support tender.

Sec. 344. Prohibition of new maritime user fees.

Sec. 345. Great Lakes lighthouses.

Sec. 346. Modernization of National Distress and Response System.

Sec. 347. Conveyance of Coast Guard property in Portland, Maine.

Sec. 348. Harbor safety committees.

Sec. 349. Miscellaneous conveyances.

Sec. 350. Boating safety.

TITLE IV—OMNIBUS MARITIME IMPROVEMENTS

Sec. 401. Short title.

Sec. 402. Extension of Coast Guard housing authorities.

Sec. 403. Inventory of vessels for cable laying, maintenance, and repair.

Sec. 404. Vessel escort operations and towing assistance.

Sec. 405. Search and rescue center standards.

Sec. 406. VHF communications services.

Sec. 407. Lower Columbia River maritime fire and safety activities.

Sec. 408. Conforming references to the former Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee.

Sec. 409. Restriction on vessel documentation.

Sec. 410. Hypothermia protective clothing requirement.

Sec. 411. Reserve officer promotions.

Sec. 412. Regular lieutenant commanders and commanders; continuation upon failure of selection for promotion.

Sec. 413. Reserve student pre-commissioning assistance program.

Sec. 414. Continuation on active duty beyond thirty years.

Sec. 415. Payment of death gratuities on behalf of Coast Guard auxilliaries.

Sec. 416. Align Coast Guard severance pay and revocation of commission authority with Department of Defense authority.

Sec. 417. Long-term lease authority for lighthouse property.

Sec. 418. Maritime Drug Law Enforcement Act amendments.

Sec. 419. Wing-in-ground craft.

Sec. 420. Electronic filing of commercial instruments for vessels.

Sec. 421. Deletion of thumbprint requirement for merchant mariners' documents.

Sec. 422. Temporary certificates of documentation for -recreational vessels.

Sec. 423. Marine casualty investigations involving -foreign vessels.

Sec. 424. Conveyance of Coast Guard property in Hampton Township, Michigan.

Sec. 425. Conveyance of property in Traverse City, Michigan.

Sec. 426. Annual report on Coast Guard capabilities and readiness to fulfill national defense responsibilities.

Sec. 427. Extension of authorization for oil spill recovery institute.

Sec. 428. Miscellaneous certificates of documentation.

Sec. 429. Icebreaking services.

Sec. 430. Fishing vessel safety training.

Sec. 431. Limitation on liability of pilots at Coast Guard Vessel Traffic Services.

Sec. 432. Assistance for marine safety station on Chicago lakefront.

Sec. 433. Tonnage measurement for purposes of eligibility of certain vessels for fishery endorsement.

Sec. 434. Extension of time for recreational vessel and associated equipment recalls.

TITLE I—AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE COAST GUARD

SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the "Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2001".

SEC. 102. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Funds are authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2002 for necessary expenses of the Coast Guard, as follows:

(1) For the operation and maintenance of the Coast Guard, \$4,205,838,000, of which—

(A) \$25,000,000 is authorized to be derived from the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund to carry out the purposes of section 1012(a)(5) of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990;

(B) \$5,500,000 is authorized to be available for the commercial fishing vessel safety program; and

(C) \$623,000,000 is authorized to be available for domestic maritime homeland security.

(2) For the acquisition, construction, rebuilding, and improvement of aids to navigation, shore and offshore facilities, vessels, and aircraft, including equipment related thereto, \$717,823,000, of which—

(A) \$20,000,000 is authorized to be derived from the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund to carry out the purposes of section 1012(a)(5) of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990;

(B) \$58,500,000 is authorized to be available for domestic maritime homeland security vessels and detection equipment; and

(C) \$338,000,000 is authorized to be available to implement the Coast Guard's Integrated Deepwater System.

(3) For research, development, test, and evaluation of technologies, materials, and human factors directly relating to improving the performance of the Coast Guard's mission in support of search and rescue, aids to navigation, marine safety, marine environmental protection, enforcement of laws and treaties, ice operations, oceanographic research, and defense readiness, \$21,722,000, to remain available until expended, of which \$3,500,000 is authorized to be derived each fiscal year from the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund to carry out the purposes of section 1012(a)(5) of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990.

(4) For retired pay (including the payment of obligations otherwise chargeable to lapsed appropriations for this purpose), payments under the Retired Serviceman's Family Protection and Survivor Benefit Plans, and payments for medical care of retired personnel and their dependents under chapter 55 of title 10, United States Code, \$876,346,000.

(5) For alteration or removal of bridges over navigable waters of the United States constituting obstructions to navigation, and for personnel and administrative costs associated with the Bridge Alteration Program, \$15,466,000, to remain available until expended, of which \$1,750,000 may be available for a new Chelsea Street bridge in Boston, Massachusetts.

(6) For environmental compliance and restoration at Coast Guard facilities (other than parts and equipment associated with operations and maintenance), \$16,927,000, to remain available until expended.

SEC. 103. AUTHORIZED LEVELS OF MILITARY STRENGTH AND TRAINING.

(a) ACTIVE DUTY STRENGTH.—The Coast Guard is authorized an end-of-year strength